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Dear Ms. Reynolds:

This is in response to your request for additional information regarding the Republican National Committee's (RNC) February 1995 Monthly Report covering the period from January 1, 1995 through January 31, 1995. Specifically, you seek clarification on the RNC's "best efforts" attempt to obtain certain contributor information.

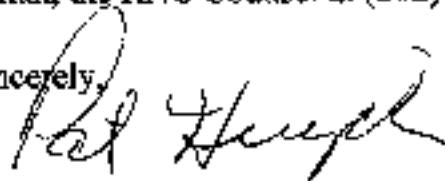
The RNC continues to request contributor information in all of its solicitations. It does not restrict this written request, however, only to those individual who contribute more than \$200 per calendar year. It makes this request of *all* contributors *every* time they are solicited. In certain circumstances the RNC will attempt additional follow-up telephonic requests for the contributor information. As a result of this effort, the RNC has one of the best, if not the best, contributor disclosure rates of any political party committee. This is even more remarkable since the RNC has such a large number of itemized contributions when compared to the itemization schedules of other political committees.

Based upon its attempts to obtain contributor information the RNC strongly believes it is in compliance with the "best efforts" requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) found at 2 U.S.C. 432(i).

As you know, the RNC has legally challenged the Federal Election Commission's revised "best efforts" regulations found at 11 C.F.R. 104.7(b). The case is currently pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Until this litigation is finally resolved the RNC will continue to follow its past and current practices to obtain contributor information under the FECA "best efforts" standard and report the information received on the appropriate 1995 Monthly FEC Reports.

I hope this response satisfies your request, if you need further clarification or need additional information please contact Tom Josefiak, the RNC Counsel at (202) 863-8638.

Sincerely,



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Director of Accounting

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